



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2014 – 2016 Company Organization Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0444.

Form Number(s): NC-99001, NC-99007.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 47,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 148,566.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests an extension of the currently approved Company Organization Survey (COS) data collection for survey years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The Census Bureau conducts the annual COS to update and maintain a centralized, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the organizational structure, operating characteristics, and employment and payroll of multi-location enterprises. The 2014 – 2016 COS collection

will not differ from the 2013. The sample size will remain the same as in 2013 surveying 47,000 respondents.

Form NC-99001 is mailed to multi-location enterprises. We ask questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; company activities such as-- employees from a professional employer organization, operating revenue and net sales, royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property and manufacturing activities. Establishment inquiries include questions on operational status, mid-March employment, first-quarter payroll, and annual payroll of establishments.

In 2011, we submitted a non-substantive change to the COS questionnaire. This revision added three new inquiries as part of the Enterprise Statistics Program (ESP). These three inquiries were: (1) Operating Revenues and Net Sales; (2) Royalties and Licenses Fees for the Use of Intellectual Property; and (3) Manufacturing Activities. In 2012 and 2013 we continued to ask these questions on Form NC-99001 and it is our intention to continue to ask these additional questions for 2014 - 2016 on Form NC-99001. We also ask questions on ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property and manufacturing activities. In addition to the mailing of multi-location enterprises, the Census Bureau will collect data for single-location companies on Form NC-99007 to some large single-location enterprises that may have added some locations.

The 2014 – 2016 COS will request company-level information from a selection of multi-establishment enterprises, which comprises roughly 42,000 parent

companies and more than 1.4 million establishments. COS inquiries sent to each of the 42,000 multi-establishment enterprises will include inquiries on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; company activities, such as--employees from a professional employer organization, operating revenue and net sales, royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property, and manufacturing activities.

Establishment inquiries include questions on operational status, mid-March employment, first-quarter payroll, and annual payroll of establishments.

In addition to the 42,000 multi-establishment enterprises, the 2014 – 2016 COS will include approximately 5,000 single-location companies that may have added some locations. The NC-99007 Form will collect data for the 5,000 single-location businesses.

The information collected by the COS is used to maintain and update the BR. The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industry and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example,

name and address).

- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, island areas, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 182, 195, 224, and 225.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202)395-5806.

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